

REMARKS

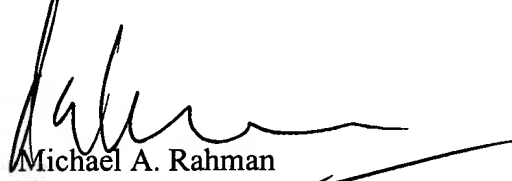
Claims 1-6, 8-14, 16, 17 and 20-23 are pending in the present application. Claim 1, has been amended; claims 2, 5, 6, 18-14, 16, 17, and 20-23 have been canceled in this amendment. In the Final Rejection dated January 9, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8, 11-14, 16, and 20-23 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,930,479 ("Hall"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,283,856 ("Gross"), and further in view of "Specifying filter criteria." The Examiner also rejected claims 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hall, in view of Gross, in view of "Specifying filter criteria," as applied to claim 5 and further in view of "Excerpts from On-line documentation of Microsoft Exchange." Finally, the Examiner rejected claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hall, in view of Gross, in view of "Specifying filter criteria," as applied to claim 5, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,619,648 ("Canale").

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Hieu Le for the telephone interview conducted on July 20, 2004. During the interview, the Examiner agreed with Applicant's representative that claim 2 is patentable over the current art of record. Please see attached copy of the Interview Summary signed by Examiner Le, which states that "Claim 2 is over the art of record." Applicant believes that the language in quotes implies that claim 2 is patentable over the current art of record. Also in accordance with the agreement with the Examiner, a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) has been filed with amended claim 1 that includes limitations of claim 2, and claims 2, and 5-28 have been canceled.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable.
Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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- Request for Continued Examination (+ copy)
- Copy of Examiner Interview Summary Sheet
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- Cited References (6)

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